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## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(May 15, 1950 - May 29, 1950)

NSC 65/3 UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE  
NEAR EAST  
(See NSC Action No. 300)

NSC 56/2 UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY  
COLLABORATION  
(See NSC Action No. 301)

2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

COORDINATION OF U. S. AID PROGRAMS FOR FAR EASTERN AREAS  
(NSC 61/1; NSC 61; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 16, 1950)

Pursuant to NSC 61, a report by the Under Secretaries of State and the Army, and with the concurrence of the President, representatives for a Working Group were designated by the Secretaries of State, Defense, the Treasury, and Commerce and by the Economic Cooperation Administrator, to prepare a report for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Economic Cooperation Administrator looking to closer coordination of economic and military aid programs generally for Far Eastern areas. The report prepared by the Working Group, with the assistance of a representative of the Bureau of the Budget, was submitted as NSC 61/1 for consideration by the NSC, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce, and the Economic Cooperation Administrator by the reference memo. Approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, May 17; by the Secretary of Commerce, May 22. Awaiting action by other Council members and the Economic Cooperation Administrator.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 29, 1950)

Memorandum from the Acting Secretary of State on the above subject submitted by the reference memo for urgent consideration by the Council and the Secretary of the Treasury of the recommendation in the next-to-the-last paragraph, that the Council endorse this supplemental budget request as being in the interest of national security. Awaiting action by Council members and the Secretary of the Treasury.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA IN THE FIELDS OF INTELLIGENCE  
AND OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(NSC 66; memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 4, and May 11, 1950)

Report by the Secretary of State submitted by the reference memo for consideration and memorandum action by the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission. In accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and the Director of Central Intelligence were requested to designate representatives in advance to prepare a report for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, in the event that the recommendations in NSC 66 were approved. The following actions have been received:

State:	Approves recommendations; designates Mr. Howland Sargeant
Defense:	Recommends no further action by the Council until an ad hoc committee of the IAC completes its current investigation of problem.
Treasury:	Approves recommendations.
NSRB:	Approves recommendations.
FCC:	Disapproves recommendations, with comment that there should be a re-evaluation of the entire "Voice" operations; designates Mr. Curtis B. Plummer.
CIA:	Designates Mr. Ralph L. Clark and reports on current related activities.

Comments of Secretary of Defense, Chairman, FCC, and Director, CIA transmitted by the reference memo of May 11 for Council consideration in connection with the reference report. The Chairman, FCC will participate in the Council's consideration of this subject. To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR  
INTELLIGENCE

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated  
December 28, 1949; NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237; NSC 50)

Final progress report by the Director of Central Intelligence,  
of those called for by NSC 50 and NSC Actions Nos. 231 and 237,  
circulated by the reference memorandum for Council information.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

(NONE)

#### 4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

##### APPRAISAL OF U. S. NATIONAL INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 2, and June 17, 1949, ref. SANACC 360/14; NSC Action No. 224; ref. NSC 48/2)

Report by SANACC (360/14) on above subject, and amendments proposed by the Secretary of Defense, referred by the Council at its 42nd Meeting to the NSC Staff for use in preparation of a report pursuant to NSC 48, "U. S. Policy Toward Asia", and for reexamination in light of that study (NSC 48/2) and the discussion at the meeting. Initial draft by State dated May 2, being re-drafted for further Staff consideration.

##### ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE U. S. ASSUMPTION OF BRITISH MILITARY COMMITMENTS

Upon the informal suggestion of the Department of State, the NSC Staff initiated on September 22, 1949, an analysis to show which British military commitments might have to be taken over if the British gave them up and the possible cost to us. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 235 on "Britain's Overseas Military Commitments", furnished to Staff October 13, 1949, and ORE 93-49, on November 21, 1949, for consideration in connection with the subject. Defense draft analysis of February 23, 1950, revised by Staff, April 4, May 10, and May 25. Awaiting revision of Appendix.

##### UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING TRADE WITH CHINA (NSC 41/1)

A report by the Secretary of State, circulated to the Council for information, has been referred at the suggestion of the Secretary of State to the NSC Staff for preparation, as a matter of urgent priority, of a report for consideration by the Council. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, the views of the Department of Commerce are being obtained in connection with the Staff study, and the Secretary of Commerce will be invited to participate in any Council consideration of the report. CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 253 on "The Effectiveness of Control of Exports to Communist China", dated December 12, 1949, furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the subject. Suggested State revisions received December 2; Defense draft received December 13, 1949; Additional Defense and State drafts received February 27 and February 28, 1950. Awaiting further Staff discussion on a proposed memo to NSC Consultants requesting clarification and guidance, together with State and Defense suggested changes thereto.



IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

PROVISION OF ARMED FORCES FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft report on the subject, transmitted by the Deputy Under Secretary of State, recommended the preparation of a report for Council consideration. Initial draft by Department of State circulated to NSC Staff March 31, 1950. Awaiting Defense views.

ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL OF U. S. OBJECTIVES, COMMITMENTS, AND RISKS IN RELATION TO MILITARY POWER

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 20, 1949; NSC Action No. 270; NSC 35; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR", dated May 25 and June 21, 1949; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject, "Measures..." dated March 30, 1949; NSC Action No. 280b)

At its 51st Meeting, the NSC directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration on the above subject. CIA Intelligence Memos No. 263, "Estimate of Political Factors in the Strategic Situation, in the Event of War Before July 1951", dated January 20, 1950; No. 268, "Estimate of Soviet Capabilities and Intentions: Economic: 1951 and 1954", dated January 25, 1950; and No. 270, "Possible Political Developments of Strategic Significance, Between 1951 and 1954", dated January 28, 1950 furnished to Staff for consideration in connection with the project. The reference papers on "Measures Required to Achieve U. S. Objectives with Respect to the USSR" were referred by the Council (NSC Action No. 280b) to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Departmental studies of scope and nature of this project underway. Staff members assisting in these studies as a preliminary step. (See also NSC 68, "United States Objectives and Programs for National Security," Section 5.)

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE PHILIPPINES

At the suggestion of the President the NSC Staff has been requested to prepare a report on the above subject for consideration by the NSC. Awaiting Staff report.

## 5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY  
(NSC 68; NSC Actions Nos. 289b and 302b; Memo for Ad Hoc Committee from Executive Secretary, subject: "Initial Questions Confronting the Committee," dated April 28, 1950.)

A letter from the President and the Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense referred to therein, transmitted as NSC 68, and the reference memo for April 17 proposing a procedure for handling NSC 68, were discussed at the 55th NSC meeting. The Secretary of the Treasury, the Economic Cooperation Administrator, the Director, Bureau of the Budget and the Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, participated in this Council action. Pursuant to NSC Action No. 289b, an ad hoc committee was established to prepare a response to the President's directive in NSC 68 as a matter of urgency. Pursuant to NSC Action No. 302b, this ad hoc committee was further authorized to study and make recommendations with respect to the organization of the government to implement the Conclusions of NSC 68 in the event those Conclusions are approved. Two drafting subcommittees have been established, one on programs and the other on organization. Awaiting the preparation of a response by the ad hoc committee. (See also, "Assessment and Appraisal of U. S. Objectives, Commitments, and Risks in Relation to Military Power," Section 4.)

RECONSTITUTION OF THE NSC STAFF  
(NSC Action No. 302a, Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, Subject: "Proposed Procedure for Handling NSC 68", dated April 17 and April 24, 1950)

At its 57th Meeting, the NSC referred the reference memoranda to a Special NSC Committee composed of Mr. Humelsine, Mr. Pace, and Mr. Lanphier to prepare, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, recommendations for consideration by the Council with respect to the reconstitution and strengthening of the NSC Staff, and authorized this committee to request the assistance of representatives of other executive departments and agencies as necessary. One meeting of the committee has been held to date. Awaiting report by the committee.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 23, 1949, ref. NSC 18/4, paragraph 28)

Pursuant to par. 28 of NSC 18/4, approved by the President on November 18, 1949, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Acting Chairman, NSRB, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget designated representatives to assist in the preparation of a study on the methods by which the United States can make available military assistance to meet emergency needs not provided for in existing legislation. At a meeting of these representatives on December 12, 1949, an outline for the study was agreed upon and drafts of certain sections undertaken by State, Defense, and Justice. The Director of Central Intelligence has prepared an estimate of likely contingencies where military assistance may be requested which is not provided for in existing legislation, together with an analysis of problems in connection therewith peculiar to particular foreign countries or areas. Overall draft report prepared by Defense on the basis of the 3 section drafts by State, Defense, and Justice, circulated February 14, 1950, and considered together with a memo by Budget, at a meeting on March 9. Committee awaiting revised draft report by State.

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY

(NSC 60; NSC 48/2; NSC 44; memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Limited Military Armament for Japan", dated March 11, 1949; memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, subject: "Planning for Limited Japanese Armed Forces", dated April 27, 1949)

Pursuant to paragraph 3-d of NSC 48/2, the question of a peace settlement with Japan will be presented for Council consideration at a later date. The current views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject circulated for Council information as NSC 60. NSC 44 and related papers, previously under consideration by the NSC Consultants, referred by agreement among Consultants for consideration in connection with this project. Awaiting results of further study by State and Defense.

OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd)

PROGRESS REPORT ON NSC 26/2

(NSC 26/2; Progress Report dated April 21, 1950 by the Under Secretary of State on the Implementation of NSC 26/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 9, 1950)

Pursuant to NSC Action No. 303b, the Secretary of Defense has been requested to obtain the views of the JCS as to what military steps they contemplate in support of the plans developed pursuant to NSC 26/2, in view of their decision with respect to the battalion of Marines referred to in the reference memorandum dated May 9, 1950. Awaiting report from the Secretary of Defense.

APPRAISAL OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY  
(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 7, 1950; NSC Action No. 282)

In approving the proposal by the Acting Chairman, NSRB, in the reference memo, the NSC directed (NSC Action No. 282) the Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with the government agencies concerned, to organize and conduct a study of foreign economic intelligence requirements, facilities and arrangements related to the national security and, based on the findings of this study, to prepare for Council consideration and action a comprehensive plan for satisfying the foreign economic intelligence requirements of the national security and for a coordinated interagency effort to this end based on a definite allocation of responsibilities among the agencies concerned. Awaiting report by the Central Intelligence Agency.

6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY COLLABORATION  
(NSC 56/2; NSC Action No. 301b)

When adopting the reference report the NSC agreed to discuss the subject of the report at a later date prior to the anticipated trip to Latin America of the Secretary of Defense. To be scheduled on the agenda of a future Council meeting.

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